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Credentials of representatives to the Fifteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairperson: Ms. Rosette **Katungye** Nyirinkindi (Uganda)

1. On 20 June 2005, the Fifteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Bahamas, Canada, Czech Republic, Greece, Grenada, Indonesia, Malaysia, South Africa and Uganda.

2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 21 June 2005.

3. Ms. Rosette Katungye Nyirinkindi (Uganda) was elected Chairperson by acclamation.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 17 June 2005, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Fifteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Secretary made a statement supplementing the memorandum with regard to including those credentials and communications received subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, as orally supplemented during the meeting, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 95 States participating in the Fifteenth Meeting of States Parties: Algeria, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco,

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Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Yemen.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, the formal credentials issued by the President of the European Commission had also been submitted for the representatives of the European Community.

7. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, as orally supplemented during the meeting, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Fifteenth Meeting of States Parties had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 50 States participating in the Fifteenth Meeting: Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Cape Verde, Comoros, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Georgia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Iraq, Jamaica, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Qatar, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tonga, Tuvalu, Ukraine, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

8. The Chairperson proposed that the Credentials Committee accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum by the Secretariat, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Committee, on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 3 of the Secretariat's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairperson for adoption by the Committee:

> "*The Credentials Committee*,
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> "*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the Fifteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in paragraphs 1 to 3 of the memorandum by the Secretariat dated 17 June 2005, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Credentials Committee,
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> "*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives concerned."

9. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

10. Subsequently, the Chairperson proposed that the Committee recommend to the Fifteenth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 12). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

11. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Fifteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Fifteenth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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"*The Fifteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*

"*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee."